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1. The following information is based on personal observations of the source.

## 3. Approaches, Pilot Data and Weather

No merchant ships were permitted to use the entrance designated A. It was necessary to send a radio message preceding arrival. [redacted] three messages to Gdynia [redacted] giving ETA. Compulsory 24-hour pilot service is provided. It was necessary to wait 45 minutes for the pilot who boarded [redacted] Pilot boat was a diesel motor launch painted black. A second launch accompanied the pilot boat. Two soldiers armed with submachine guns were aboard the pilot boat. Pilot was about 60 years old, spoke good English, and provided good service. Vessel entered the harbor [redacted] pleasant weather and clear skies [redacted] in port. However, on two mornings there was fog. There was no wind. [redacted] the weather to be unusually warm.

## 4. Controls

a. Boarding party, which came on board at berth, consisted of one doctor, two immigration officials, two customs officers, an agent, and a receiver. Only the agent spoke English; he served as interpreter. No search was conducted. The crew was not mustered. Cigarettes, liquor, and some personal effects were sealed. The procedure was simple, but [redacted] because of lack of organization it took two hours. Six crew lists and provisions and store lists were required by boarding party. Printed passes were given each crewman.

b. Surveillance guard consisted of three soldiers stationed on the pier at the

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bow, gangway, and stern. The soldier at the gangway carried a submachine gun. The soldiers fore and aft carried rifles.

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uniform was different from the uniform worn by military personnel aboard pilot boat and the tugs (see paragraph 5). Designator D represents a gate through which entrance and exit to the port area were made. A naval guard, consisting of one enlisted man and one chief petty officer, was on duty to check passes and seamen's books. The enlisted man wore a navy blue beret, navy blue jumper and pants, and black shoes. Diagram 2 illustrates this uniform. The enlisted man carried a rifle. The chief petty officer wore a navy blue suit with black tie and officer-type cap with visor. He wore a belt and revolver.

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c. No surveillance boat was observed in the harbor. A naval patrol craft followed the vessel from off Hel

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Vessel was flying a Polish ensign.

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5. Harbor Craft Two tugs, the ACHILLES and the CYCLOPS (CYKLOP), were employed.

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Departure was delayed because it was necessary to await tugs. both tugs had soldiers on board carrying submachine guns.

#### 6. Berth

a. Vessel berthed at the berthing area.

condition of the berth as "good." the sucker tubes on the grain elevator were out of order. Four trucks with portable sucker tubes unloaded the 12,142 MT of #2 mixed wheat into railroad cars. It took nine days of 24-hour pumping to unload ship. railroad cars were old.

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b. Warehouses in the berthing area were old and constructed of brick. No information on fire protection was disseminated. tall, portal cranes working in the area designated H.

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c. An unknown number of stevedores were employed by the receiver through the government. The rather young workers worked 12-hour shifts. Women were employed on the piers. workers' efficiency as "good."

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7. Construction piers under construction. Damage was nearly cleaned away and wooden posts being filled with cement. Many women were employed at manual labor on the pier construction.

8. Naval Vessels Present The only naval vessels observed were a destroyer and a destroyer-escort

only the stern shapes Ships were painted dark grey. There seemed to be considerable activity on board. Both enlisted men and officers were present. One armed guard was present at the gangway of each ship. This guard marched back and forth for a distance of between 10 and 15 feet.

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9. Merchant Shipping Present Lykes ship. Later this vessel departed, and its place was taken by a new 10-thousand-ton DW Polish cargo ship which had been constructed in East Germany. Vessel's speed was 17 knots and it was described as "modern and streamlined." A scanner-type radar was mounted above and behind the bridge.

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Two or three small Polish ships were being worked in the area

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11. Shore Activities The entire crew was allowed ashore and all participated in shore liberty. The Inter Club was open to all people, and payment for refreshments could be made in any type of currency. Facilities included a coffee shop and bar with violin and piano music and a restaurant with a small dance orchestra after 2030. [redacted] food as poor and expensive. The tea, coffee, and beer were "bad" [redacted] The Inter Club was crowded with women. No literature of any kind was disseminated in the club. Many prostitutes were observed on the streets.

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12. Miscellaneous [redacted] the chandlery service provided by the government was good. [redacted] the beef as excellent, fresh and reasonably priced.

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[redacted] conditions in Poland have improved since [redacted] three years ago. The people, although shoddily dressed, were better dressed than previously. The people speak more freely and without fear. [redacted] the official rate of exchange was 28 zlotys per dollar. However on black market it was possible to get 150 zlotys per dollar. The black market was not difficult to find.

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